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Re: Attorney Docket No. 1064.004

In re application of: John C. Gammel, David Chabinec, and Dean Umberger

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Group Art Unit: 2644  
Examiner: Jeffferey F. Harold  
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For: Returning Ringing Signals Through the Tip Amplifier of Subscriber-Line Interface Circuitry

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed on 04/01/05 contains an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

The Statement contains characterizations of the teachings of two references (Cotreau and Apfel). To the extent that the teachings of those references differ from the Examiner's characterizations, the Applicant objects to the Statement.

The Statement appears to rely on only a portion of the claim language from independent claims 1 and 15 as providing patentability to those claims. The Applicant submits that the independent claims recite additional language and that the combination of all recited features should be considered as a whole. To that extent, the Applicant objects to the Statement.

In general, to the extent that the Statement differs from the language of any of the independent claims, the Applicant rejects any narrowing or limitations that might possibly result from such differences.

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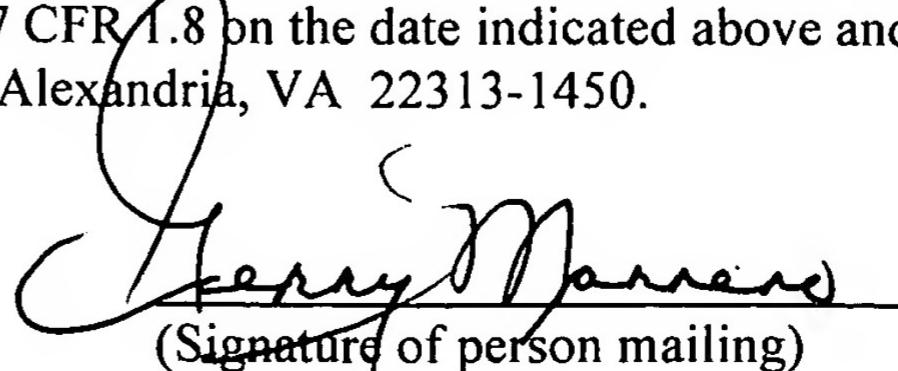
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For each of these reasons individually and for all these reasons collectively, the Applicant objects to the Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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